

## DOWNTON BOWLING CLUB WIN THE CUP

A team of Downton bowlers, Captained by Steve Allen, won the Harold Ford Cup in the Mixed Triples. They were victors over Amesbury Bowls Club in the Final.

Our Bowls Club has reached the end of the League season, so the teams know the outcomes of all their efforts over the summer months. The good news is that our lovely Ladies, in the New Forest League, have finished in a close third place. Third place was also achieved by The Downton Dragons in the Bournemouth and District League. Unfortunately, our New Forest League Men had an inconsistent season and were relegated to Division 3.

Paul Tanner just missed out on progressing to the last 16 of the County singles championship, losing 20-21. Marie Clarke reached the semis of the New Forest Champion of Champions.

Everyone is talking about the weather, and it is no different at the Bowling Club. As you can imagine, the dry weather affects the condition of the Green, but we are doing our best to keep it a nice surface to play on. The Green Team have just purchased a new mower which will improve the playing surface for years to come. The Club would like to extend gratitude to Downton Parish Council and the Wiltshire County Area Board for their support in this purchase.



During September some really enjoyable matches are played against Touring sides and Friendlies with other Clubs. Playing Rosedale, Sherfield English and Fordingbridge. A Downton side also did battle with the Timber Trundlers. This team is unusual because they still use wooden (as opposed to composite) bowls. These woods were replaced by the modern equivalent in the '50s.

They are made of Lignum Vitae, which translated from Latin, means Tree/wood of life.

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The hot weather has also made it necessary to postpone matches. One thing that does not get cancelled is our regular Friday Club Night, when our members meet up for a social game of bowls, or play an internal Club competition match. These evenings have been very well attended this season, and these evenings could be the right time, for anyone wishing, to try bowls for the first time- give Mike Hallam a call on 01725 513359, to arrange something, or just come along to see what it is all about. Mike is also the man to call about our short mat bowling sessions. These take place from Thursday 6th October, in the Sherwood Room, 2.00pm - 4.00pm. The cost will be £2 per person, per session which will include a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit.

Our flower borders around The Green are still a pretty sight, so come and see us near the Football Club in Wick Lane.